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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2402

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SGEN, CT  
SUBJ: DETENTION OF MICHAEL GOLDSMITH

1. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG WAS ASKED BY FRIENDS OF FAMILY TO INTERCEDE WITH CENTRAL AFRICAN AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL GOLDSMITH, WHO IS BEING DETAINED IN BANGUI APPARENTLY FOR FAILURE REGISTER AS WORKING JOURNALIST. YOUNG CALLED ON CENTRAL AFRICAN PERMREP TO UN, AMB. JEAN-ARTHUR BANDIO, JULY 28.

2. YOUNG TOLD BANDIO THAT, ALTHOUGH A BRITISH SUBJECT, GOLDSMITH IS MARRIED TO AMERICAN CITIZEN, THE NIECE OF FORMER PRESIDENT JOHNSON. GOLDSMITH'S FAMILY IS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT DETENTION BECAUSE HE HAS HEART CONDITION WHICH REQUIRES TREATMENT. YOUNG APPEALED TO EMPEROR BOKAASA ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO GIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION TO GOLDSMITH, AND SAID THAT ACT OF GENEROSITY ON EMPEROR'S PART WOULD REFLECT CREDITABLY ON INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE.

3. BANDIO REPLIED THAT GOLDSMITH'S TWO AMERICAN COMPANIONS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN CUSTODY U.S. EMBASSY BANGUI IN VIEW EXCELLENT RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH EMPEROR ON BEHALF GOLDSMITH, BUT HE CLAIMED THERE WERE COMPLICATING FACTORS WHICH DID NOT EXIST IN CASES TWO  
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AMERICANS. BANDIO SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO CENTRAL AFRICAN AUTHORITIES WHETHER GOLDSMITH WAS BRITISH OR SOUTH AFRICAN. CERTAIN "DOCUMENTS" HAD BEEN SEIZED WHICH MIGHT BE DAMAGING TO GOLDSMITH, IN WHAT SENSE BANDIO DID NOT KNOW. BANDIO POINTED OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT COULD SERIOUSLY EMBARRASS CENTRAL AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IF IT APPEARED THAT, IN RELEASING GOLDSMITH, IT WAS COL-

LUDING WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. STILL, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST  
IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE HIS ADMIRATION FOR U.S.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INCLUDE  
USUN IN ADDRESSEE LIST ON ALL MESSAGES CONCERNING GOLDSMITH.  
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